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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A sharps disposal system, comprising:
  - a) a substantially rigid cabinet defining an inner chamber;
  - b) a sharps receptacle contained within said ~~cabinet~~inner chamber;
  - c) a first access door pivotally secured to said cabinet;
  - d) a second access door pivotally connected to said cabinet; and
  - e) lock means for locking said cabinet upon closing said first and second access doors.
2. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 1 including a conduit depending downwardly from said first access door interfacing with said sharps receptacle providing a passageway for sharps to be deposited into said sharps receptacle.
3. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 2 wherein said sharps receptacle includes a lid having segmented fingers extending radially inward toward the center of said lid.
4. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 1 including a bracket secured within said inner chamber of said cabinet, said bracket centrally retaining said sharps receptacle within said inner chamber of said cabinet.
5. (currently amended) The sharps disposal system of claim 1 wherein said lock means comprises a single locking mechanism mounted on said first access door, ~~said locking mechanism simultaneous for locking said first access door and said second access door of~~ said cabinet upon closing said first and second access doors.

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6. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 1 including a mounting bracket for securing said cabinet to a mounting surface.
7. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 6 wherein said mounting bracket includes inwardly offset flange members for receiving mounting bolts therethrough for securing said mounting bracket to a mounting surface.
8. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 7 wherein said cabinet is releasably secured to said mounting bracket.
9. (currently amended) The sharps disposal system of claim 8 wherein said cabinet overlaps said flange members of said mounting bracket preventing access to said mounting bolts upon securing said cabinet to said mounting bracket.
10. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 1 including a removable cover for sealing said sharps receptacle upon removal thereof from said cabinet.
11. (currently amended) A sharps disposal system, comprising:
  - a) a substantially rigid cabinet defining an inner chamber;
  - b) a sharps receptacle contained within said ~~cabinet~~ inner chamber;
  - c) ~~double-door~~ access means providing access to said inner chamber for collecting and disposing of sharps deposited in said sharps receptacle; and
  - d) lock means for locking said cabinet.
12. (currently amended) The sharps disposal system of claim 11 wherein said ~~double-door~~ access means comprises a first access door forming the top of said cabinet and a second access door forming a side of said cabinet.

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13. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 12 including a conduit depending downwardly from said first access door interfacing with said sharps receptacle providing a passageway for sharps to be deposited into said sharps receptacle.
14. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 11 including a mounting bracket for securing said cabinet to a mounting surface.
15. (currently amended) The sharps disposal system of claim 11 wherein said lock means comprises a single locking mechanism for ~~simultaneous~~ simultaneously locking said first and second access doors of said cabinet upon closing said first and second access doors.
16. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 11 including a removable cover for sealing said sharps receptacle upon removal thereof from said cabinet.
17. A sharps disposal system, comprising:
  - a) a substantially rigid cabinet defining an inner chamber;
  - b) a sharps receptacle retained within said cabinet, said sharps receptacle including a removable cover for sealing said sharps receptacle upon removal thereof from said cabinet;
  - c) ~~double-door access means providing access to said inner chamber for collecting and disposing of sharps deposited in said sharps receptacle~~ a first access door pivotally connected to said cabinet and forming the top thereof;
  - d) a second access door pivotally connected to said cabinet forming a side of said cabinet; and

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- e) a lock ~~for~~ mounted on said first access door for locking said double-door access means of said cabinet upon closing said first and second access doors.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The sharps disposal system of claim ~~[[18]]~~ 17 including a conduit depending downwardly from said first access door interfacing with said sharps receptacle providing a passageway for sharps to be deposited into said sharps receptacle.

20. (original) The sharps disposal system of claim 19 including a mounting bracket for securing said cabinet to a mounting surface.